(ख) यह सूचना अभी तक नहीं मिली है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वन भूमि पर अवैध कब्जों को नियमित करने के लिये वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम 1980 के तहत कोई मंजूरी नहीं दी गई है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Closure of factories to protect Taj Mahal

5589. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down the glass factories in Firozabad in UP to protect Taj Mahal for fear of further damage from possible pollution emanating from these factories;

(b) whether in view of Taj Mahal having been included in the World Heritage Category any financial assistance is received from abroad for protecting this monument;

(c) if so, whether Government would explore other means to save Taj Mahal without disturbing thousands of workers who earn their livelihood from these factories; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to provide them with alternate jobs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a), (c) and (d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated October 27, 1993 had ordered the closure of 212 industries which have not installed Air Pollution Control devices in the Agra-Mathura region, till such time as adequate measures are taken by the units. These industries include some glass factories of Firozabad in U.P.

Government have initiated a number of programmes to improve the air quality in Agra-Mathura region which are being implemented through various Ministries like Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Surface Transport, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Industry and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

Discharging of effluents by M/s Arooran Sugar Distillery

5590. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that M/s. Arooran Sugar Distillery in Tamil Nadu is presently discharging untreated factory effluents to Cooleroon and Manniyar rivers daily;

(b) if so, what is the capacity of the factory and also how much effluent do the factory produce;

(c) whether effluent treatment plant has been installed in the factory;

(d) if so, what is its capacity;

(e) how many periodical inspections of the plant were conducted during the past three years, year-wise figures;

(f) how many samples were taken and tested during this period with details of each test; and

(g) what steps being taken to see that no untreated effluent is discharged by the factory into these rivers in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has reported that, M/s, Thiru Arooran Sugars Limited (Distillery unit) do not discharge their untreated effluent into Cooleroon and Manniyar Rivers. The effluent are diluted and used for irrigation on their own land.

(b) The unit manufacture rectified spirit of 60,000 lit./day from sugar cane molasses. The unit generates 2 KLD of sewage and 750 KLD of trade effluent.

(c) and (d) The unit has provided primary and secondary treatment systems to treat the entire trade effluent. Septic tank followed by dispersion trench is used for treating the sewage.

(e) and (f) The unit was commissioned nine months ago, on 02-08-1993 and since then the unit was inspected by Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board official and effluent samples were collected every month for analyses. The report of the analyses shows that the parameters are exceeding the limits prescribed by the Government.

(g) The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control has directed the unit to (i) to improve the operation of the treatment plant so as to meet the standards. (ii) not to operate the unit during monsoon seasons.

Further, the unit is in the process of installing a colour removal plant.

Ganga Action Plan

5591. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent the 211 schemes under the Ganga Action Plan have been able to control the pollution of Ganga and what has been the total expenditure incurred by Government;

(b) whether there is any scheme to monitor the maintenance and optimum functioning of the completed schemes and if so, in what manner this is being done; and

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of Govt. that execution of a large number of schemes have been sub-standard and some have not served the purpose for which they were executed and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Of the 261 schemes taken up to control the pollution of river Ganga under phase I, 231 schemes have been completed by March, 1994. An amount of Rs. 412.94 crores has so far been released on this account. The quality of river water has improved significantly wherever the schemes have been completed.

(b) At the State level, a committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary monitors the progress of the on-going schemes and proper operation and maintenance of the completed schemes. At the National level, a Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Member (Environment) Planning Commission, periodically reviews and monitors the progress of the implementation of the schemes under Ganga Action Plan.